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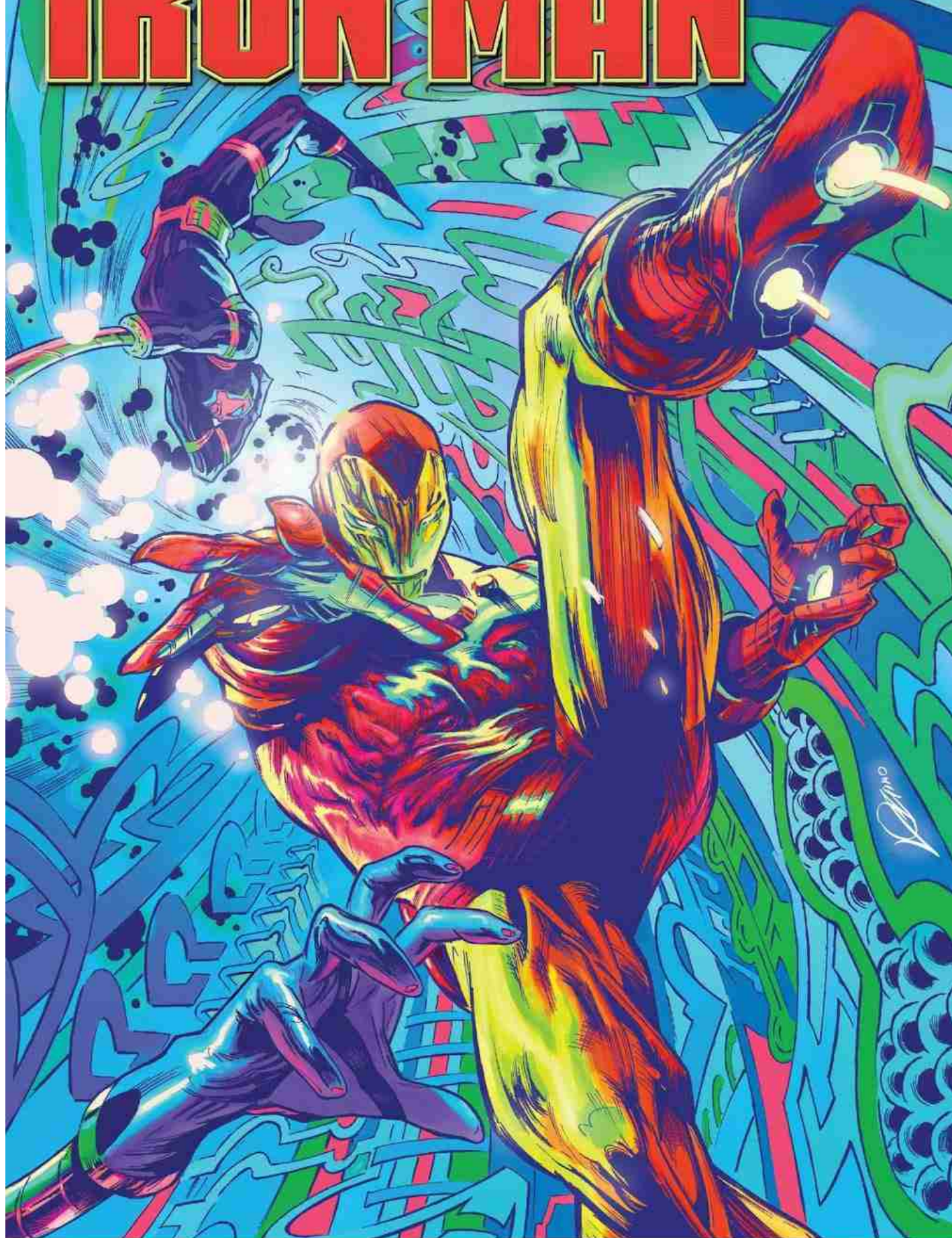
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TONY STARK

IRON MAN



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THE REAL WORLD.

IRON MAN
escape into

HERE WE GO...

I AGREE

AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BETA TEST STARK UNLIMIT'S NEXT BIG PLATFORM...

...A VIRTUAL UNIVERSE WHERE YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE, BE ANYONE AND DO ANYTHING!

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CANCEL

I AGREE

BUT BEFORE WE CAN ROLL THIS OUT, I NEED YOU TO GO ON A LITTLE BUG HUNT FOR ME.

I WANT TO SEE HOW GOOD MY PROGRAMMERS REALLY ARE.

SUPPOSEDLY THEY'VE CREATED THE MOST LIFELIKE NON-PLAYER CHARACTERS EVER MADE. LET'S FIND OUT.

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CAN

I AGREE

DOZENS OF STARK UNLIMIT'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE USING THEIR INTERFACES TO PLAY AROUND IN HERE TODAY. SEE IF YOU CAN TELL THEM FROM THE NPCs.

TO MAKE IT INTERESTING, I'M OFFERING CASH REWARDS FOR EVERY HUMAN YOU TAG.

AND AN EXTRA-SPECIAL BONUS IF YOU CAN TAP ME OUT. YUP, I'LL BE HIDING IN HERE TOO.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

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I AGREE

HMM. SO LESS OF A BETA TEST AND MORE OF A TURING TEST. ALL RIGHT. I'M IN.

GOOD CHOICE. NOW, A LAST PIECE OF ADVICE...

...IF YOU WANT TO FIND ME, DON'T GO LOOKING FOR IRON MAN.

BECAUSE TODAY I'M NOT IRON MAN...



...YOU
ARE!

AND YOU
GET TO BE
IRON MAN!
AND YOU!
AND YOU!

YOU ALL
GET TO
BE IRON
MAN!

WELCOME,
BETA TESTERS, TO
**THE GREAT
ESCAPE!**

OH MY
GOD! THIS IS
AMAZING!

STARK UNLIMITED WANTS YOU... TO JOIN PROJECT eSCAPE!

Stark Unlimited is in the business of inventing the future--and
the future is virtual!

You've been invited to join the exclusive beta test of Project
eScape, where virtual reality meets wildest fantasy, and the
only limit is your own imagination! Join Tony Stark and the
innovators at Stark Unlimited for a trip through a digital
landscape so magical and immersive that you won't want to
log off!

Click below to RSVP to the adventure of a lifetime!

☒ HECK YES!

By selecting "HECK YES!" I release Stark Unlimited from all liability and assume
all risks associated with beta test complications, which will be totally worth it
anyway because the eScape is UNBELIEVABLY COOL.

☐ NO WAY, I HATE FUN!

By selecting "No way, I hate fun!" I confirm that I hate fun and release Stark
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SELF-MADE MAN: PART THREE "NON-PLAYER CHARACTER ASSASSINATION"

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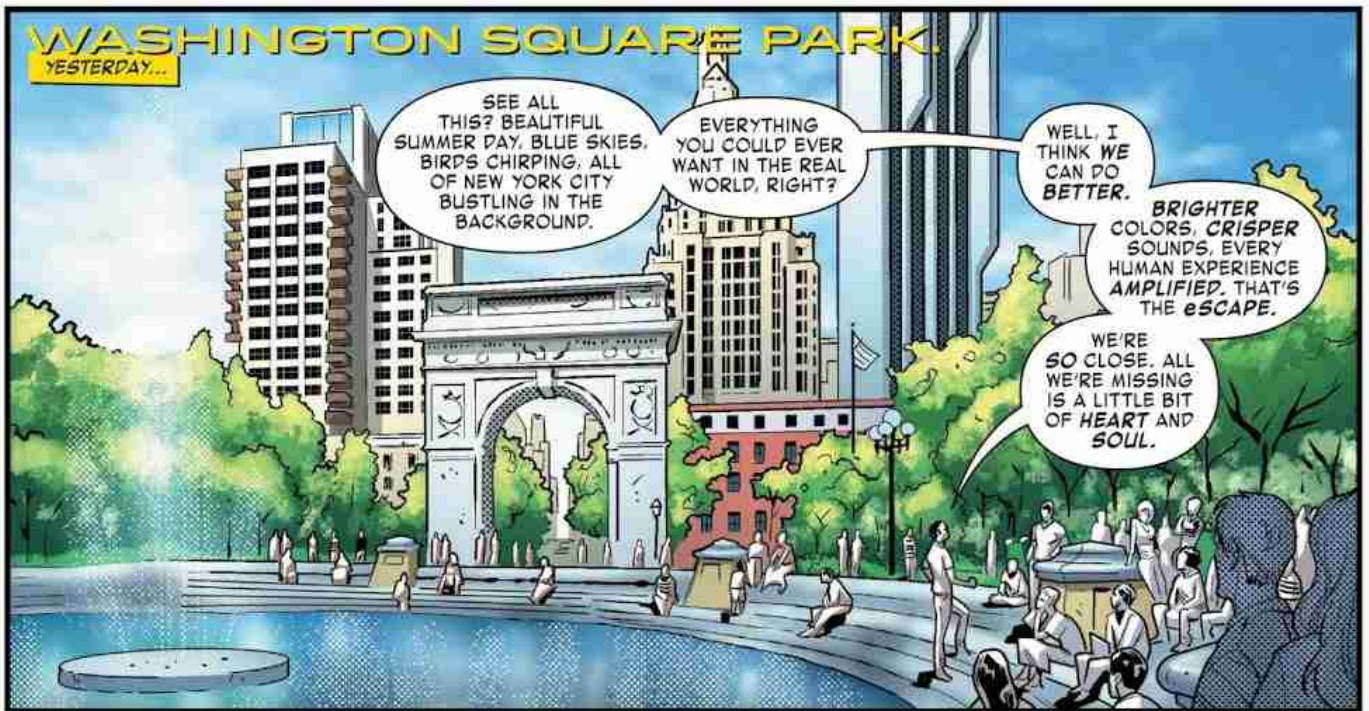
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YESTERDAY...



SEE ALL THIS? BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY, BLUE SKIES, BIRDS CHIRPING, ALL OF NEW YORK CITY BUSTLING IN THE BACKGROUND.

EVERYTHING YOU COULD EVER WANT IN THE REAL WORLD, RIGHT?

WELL, I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER.

BRIGHTER COLORS, CRISPER SOUNDS, EVERY HUMAN EXPERIENCE AMPLIFIED. THAT'S THE ESCAPE.

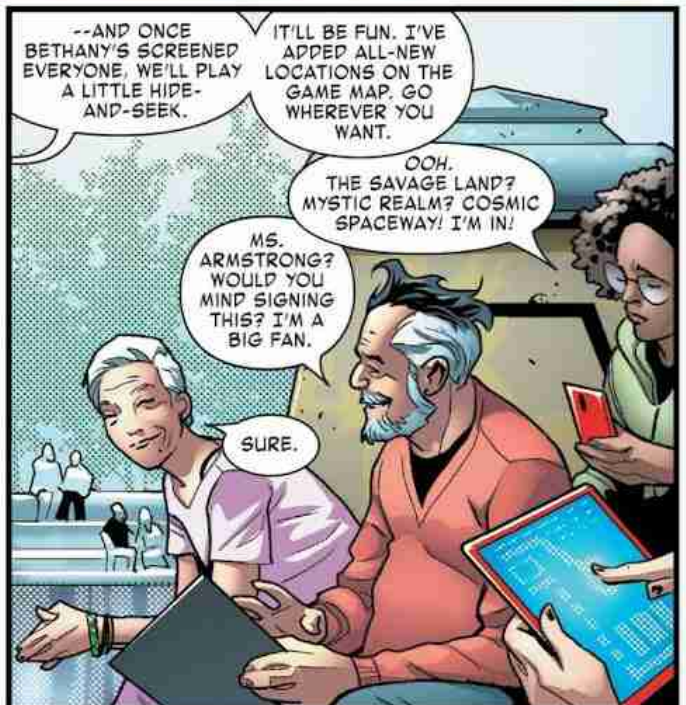
WE'RE SO CLOSE. ALL WE'RE MISSING IS A LITTLE BIT OF HEART AND SOUL.



OUR NPCs DON'T FEEL REAL TO ME. NOT YET. I NEED YOUR HELP.

A BETA TEST. WE'LL MIX FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN WITH THE COMPUTER-GENERATED CAST--

UGH. THAT'S A SECURITY NIGHTMARE FOR A SYSTEM THAT'S ALREADY BEEN COMPROMISED.



--AND ONCE BETHANY'S SCREENED EVERYONE, WE'LL PLAY A LITTLE HIDE-AND-SEEK.

IT'LL BE FUN. I'VE ADDED ALL-NEW LOCATIONS ON THE GAME MAP. GO WHEREVER YOU WANT.

OOH. THE SAVAGE LAND? MYSTIC REALM? COSMIC SPACEWAY! I'M IN!

MS. ARMSTRONG? WOULD YOU MIND SIGNING THIS? I'M A BIG FAN.

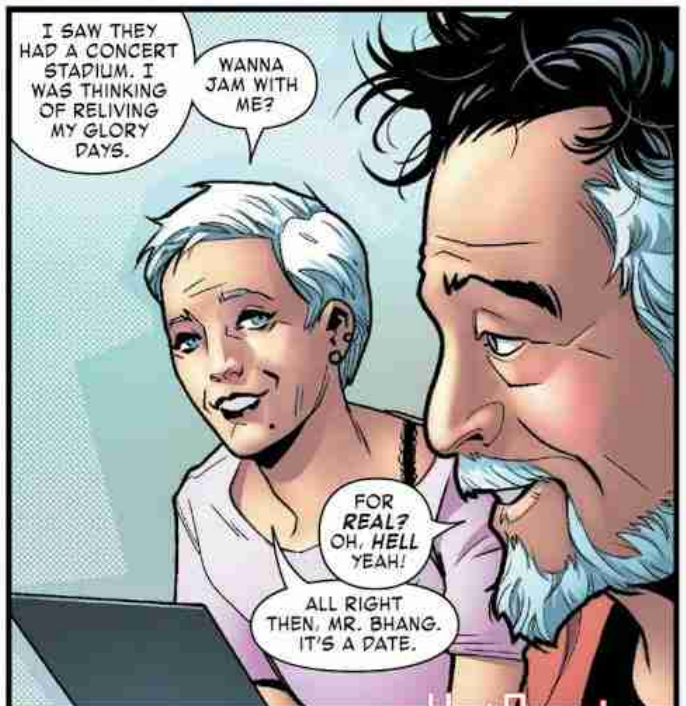
SURE.



BUT PLEASE, ANDY. WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER. YOU CAN CALL ME "AMANDA."

SO, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GO IN THE ESCAPE?

NO IDEA.

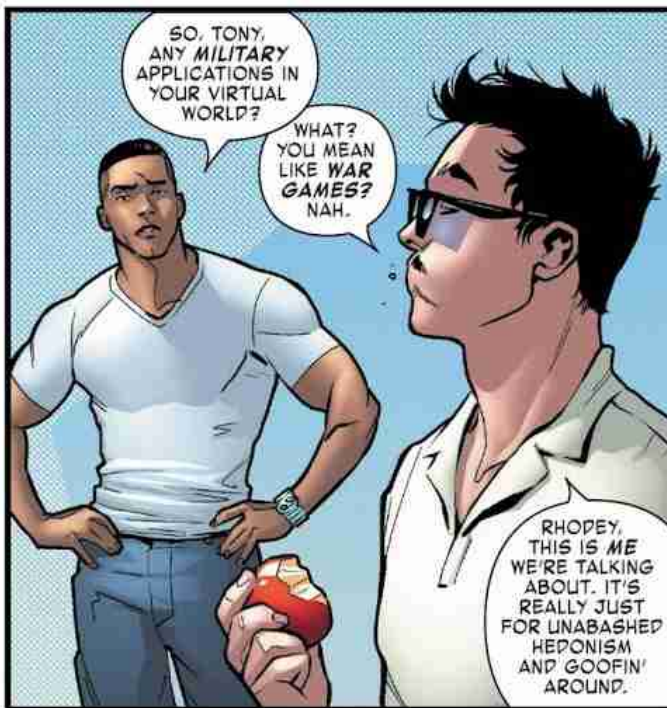


I SAW THEY HAD A CONCERT STADIUM. I WAS THINKING OF RELIVING MY GLORY DAYS.

WANNA JAM WITH ME?

FOR REAL? OH, HELL YEAH!

ALL RIGHT THEN, MR. BHANG. IT'S A DATE.







THE GREAT ESCAPE
SESSION IN PROGRESS...

THIS IS TOO MASSIVE! WHERE DO I GO?

SCRATCH THAT. WHERE CAN I GO? IS THERE A DIRECTORY? A MAP? CAN I ASK FOR HELP?

GREETINGS, BETA TESTER. I AM MOTHERBOARD, YOUR eSCAPE A.I. INTERFACE.

YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN THE SPORT ZONE, WHERE USERS CAN BECOME ANY OF THEIR FAVORITE ATHLETES, PAST OR PRESENT.



OR A MEMBER OF THE CROWD, RIGHT? THIS TEST IS IMPOSSIBLE!

LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS PLACE! USERS COULD BE HIDING ANYWHERE IN HERE!

THAT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIAL RUN.

STARK EMPLOYEES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALL HERE AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS.

I'M TOO LATE! ANOTHER TESTER GOT AHEAD OF ME! LOOK!



HEY, JABRONI! WE GOT A MATCH GOIN' ON!

OUTTA THE RING! UNLESS YOU WANT D-MAN TO BRING THE PAIN!

NICE TRY, USER! DON'T KNOW WHAT FANTASY YOU'RE PLAYING OUT HERE...

...BUT A GUY IN AN ALL-GIRL MATCH? NO NPC WOULD PICK THAT.



YOU'RE OUTTA HERE!

WHAT?!

YOU SHOT AN NPC. THAT'S ONE STRIKE, TESTER. TWO MORE AND YOU'LL BE EJECTED FROM THE SYSTEM.



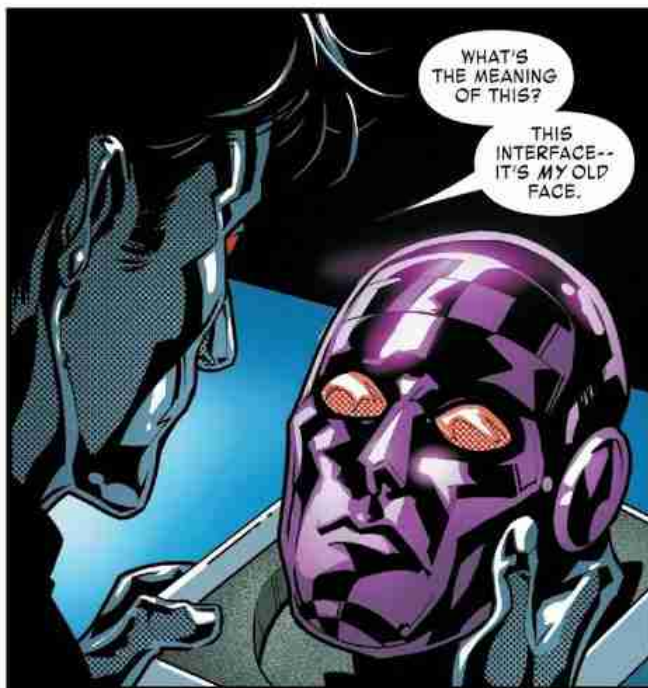




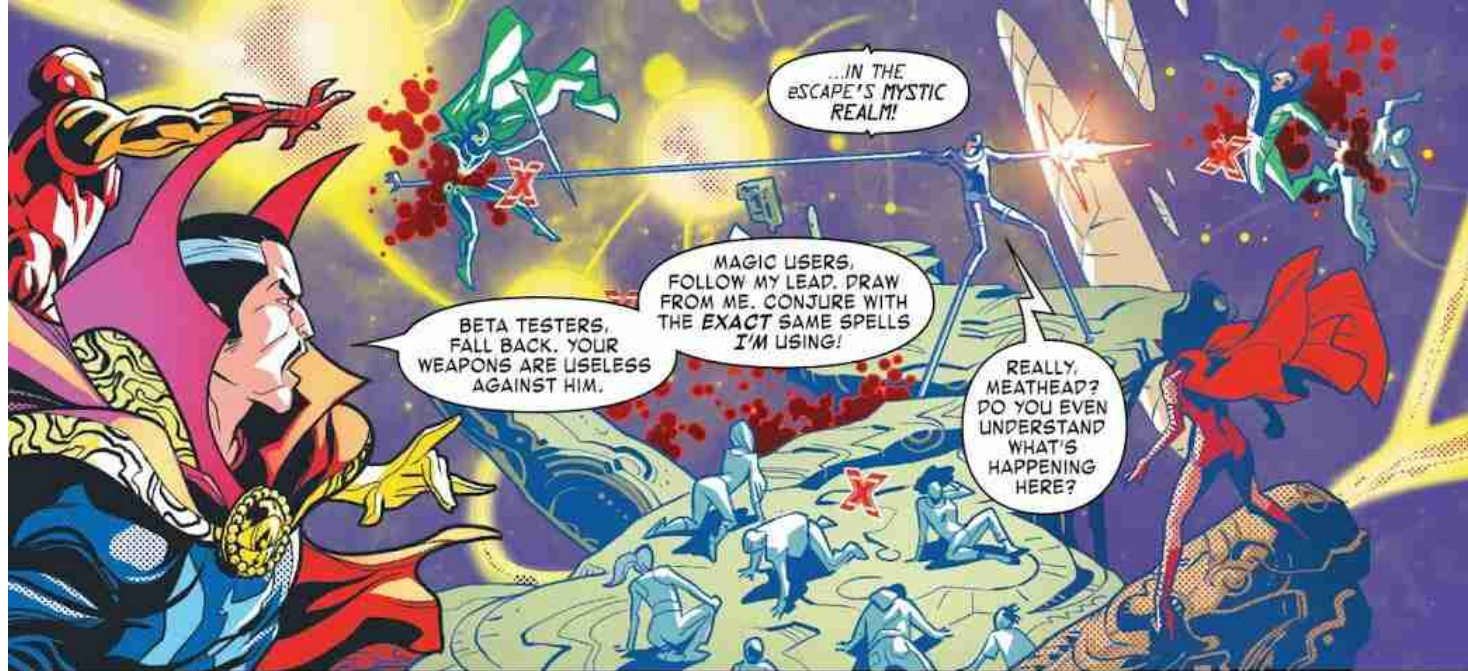
THE UNCANNY VALLEY, A SECRET ROBOT BAR.

LAST NIGHT...







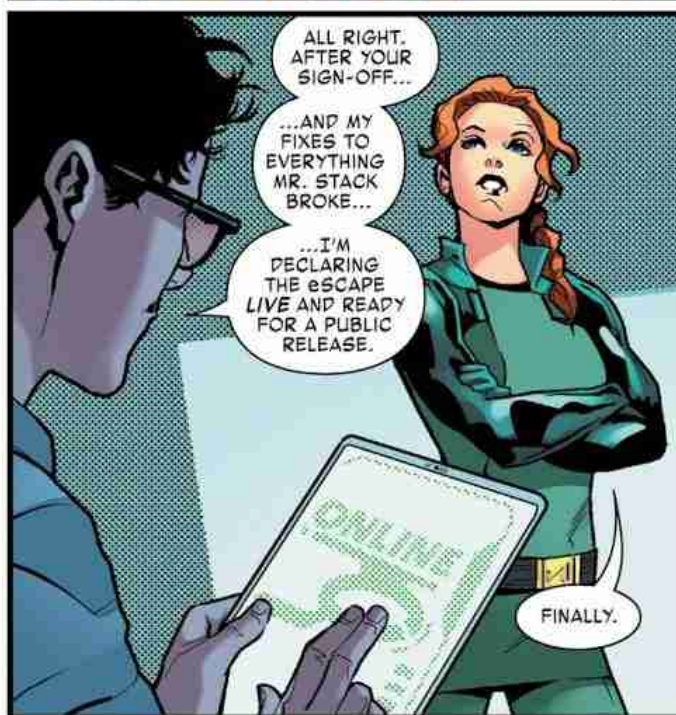




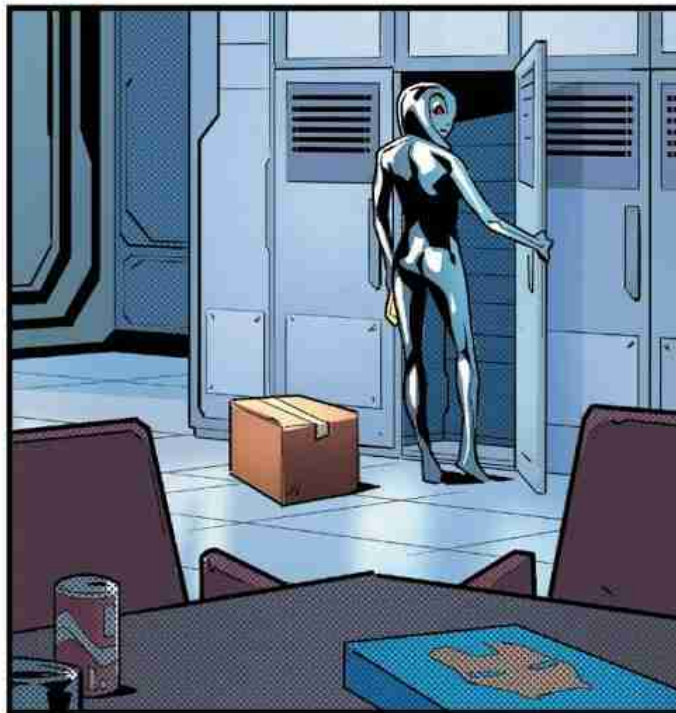


GAME OVER









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TONY STARK IRON MAN

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You wanted to know who the book's love interest was going to be? Here you go. The one, the only...Janet Van Dyne! A love not seen since AVENGERS #224 is about to be rekindled.

And what's going on with Sunset Bain's new dating app? Some of these online matches are just a little too good to be true...

YOU ARE ALL IRON MAN! Sock it to Shell-Head at mheroes@marvel.com and mark emails "okay to print" if you'd like to see them answered in future issues!

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